

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring force in a directionally and force controlled manner to a targeted object, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a device including a (i) guide sleeve with a longitudinal passageway therethrough, (ii) and an impact head receiving section attached to a distal end of the guide sleeve, said impact head receiving section having a proximal stop formed at a connection to the guide sleeve and having a distal stop, an open space being defined between said proximal and distal stops and ~~a stop positioned at a distal end of said guide sleeve;~~

providing an impact head ~~received in said longitudinal passageway and placed adjacent said distal end thereof,~~ said impact head having a proximal end received in said open space ~~which remains within said longitudinal passageway,~~ said proximal end being defined by a slide portion that is slidable in said open space ~~positioned in close proximity with said longitudinal passageway,~~ and said impact head further having an impact extension which extends distally beyond said distal stop ~~end of said guide sleeve;~~

inserting a plunger in said longitudinal passageway;

attaching a removable tip to said impact extension;

orienting said guide sleeve in a direction for which force is to be directed toward the object to be contacted;

sliding the plunger in the guide sleeve by maintaining the guide sleeve in a fixed position and moving the plunger at a desired speed to contact the impact head with a desired force, the contact of the plunger with the impact head occurring within the open space;

sliding the impact head in response to the force transferred from the plunger and maintaining ~~the at least said~~ slide portion of said impact head within the open space ~~guide sleeve~~, said distal stop defining a limit of travel for the slide portion ~~said impact head~~ and to prevent said impact head from moving beyond said guide sleeve; and

contacting the object with the removable tip.

26. (Currently Amended) A method, as claimed in Claim 25, further including the steps of:

removing said removable tip;

attaching a second removable tip to said impact extension;

sliding the plunger in the guide sleeve at a desired speed to contact the impact head with a desired force;

sliding the impact head in response to the force transferred from the plunger ~~and~~ maintaining ~~at least said slide portion of said impact head within the guide sleeve~~, said distal stop defining the limit of travel for said impact head; and

contacting the object with the second removable tip.

27-30. Cancelled.